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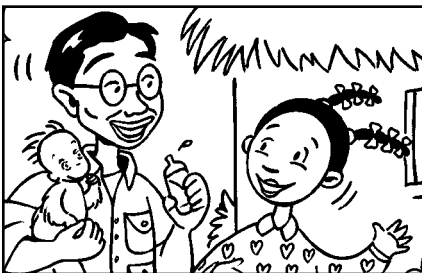
Tommy in the Jungle

JUNGLE: land densely covered with trees, vines, and ferns. Jungles are also called rainforests. They are found in tropical areas around the world.

RAINFOREST: a dense evergreen forest in a rainy, tropical region. Rainforests are also called jungles. Tropical rainforests contain at least half of Earth's species.

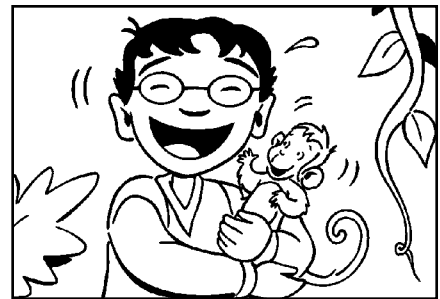


CANOPY: one of four levels in the rainforest, where the leaves of the trees are very thick and green, creating a roof-like protection for the plants and creatures below. The other levels in the rainforest are the emergent level, the understory, and the forest floor.



ORANGUTAN: a member of the great ape family. Orangutans have shaggy, reddish-brown hair and very long arms. They are endangered because

they are losing their forest habitat to people. People also catch baby orangutans and sell them around the world as pets.



MONKEY: a primate that has a flat, hairless face and a long tail. Monkeys use their arms, legs, and tail to swing from tree to tree in the jungles of the tropics.



ENDANGERED: any native species of animal or plant that is in danger of becoming extinct, or dying out completely. Once an animal or plant becomes extinct, it cannot be replaced or reproduced. Rainforests and many of the animals and plants that live in them are in danger of becoming extinct. Human activities such as logging, mining, and cattle grazing are primarily responsible for the extinction of rainforest plants and animals.

